Studies of the shapes of heavy pear-shaped nuclei at ISOLDE

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Rotating even-even nuclei E3 moments ²²⁰Rn, ²²⁴Ra

Odd-mass nuclei & EDMs Spectroscopy with TSR



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Octupole vibrational

Octupole deformed



Actual Behaviour (near the ground state)



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B(E3) transitions

$$Q_3 = \frac{3}{\sqrt{7\pi}} ZeR_0^3 \overline{\beta}_3$$

$$\overline{\beta}_3 = f(\beta_3, ...)$$



$$B(E3; I_i \to I_f) = \frac{7}{16\pi} < I_i 030 | I_f 0 >^2 Q_3^2$$

 $B(E3; 0^+ \rightarrow 3^-) \sim 30 - 50$ single particle units for $\beta_3 \sim 0.1$

 $B(E1) \sim 10^{-(2-3)}$ single particle units $B(E2) \sim 100$ single particle units

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E2 and E3 moments in "octupole" mass region





Rotating charged pear-shape



Comparison with theory





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Octupole enhanced atomic EDM moment



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Helical Orbit Spectrometer



10 MeV/u d(²²³**Ra,d')**²²³**Ra*** Q-value = 1.01 E_{lab} - 0.17 z



Contributions to Q-value resolution





Summary

Strong circumstantial evidence that some nuclei are pearshaped. Evidence comes from behaviour of energy levels and B(E3)s.

Odd mass octupole-deformed nuclei offer greatly increased sensitivity for EDM searches.

Measurement of B(E3) in odd-A nuclei will benefit from beam cooling.

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